

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2406 - HB 3406

February 12, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Eliminates the requirement that any rules that purport to regulate the supervision of nurse practitioners by physicians regarding prescriptive rights must be jointly adopted by the Board of Medical Examiners and the Board of Nursing. Deletes the provision prohibiting interpretation of the advanced practice nurse statute (Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-7-126) as altering or changing the law as it existed on May 22, 2002 regarding prescriptive rights, supervision or scope of practice for nurse anesthetists, nurse midwives, clinical nurse specialists, or certified nurse practitioners.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Any decrease in expenditures resulting from eliminating the requirement for the two Boards to jointly adopt any rules regulating the supervision of nurse practitioners will be not significant.
- Deleting the provision prohibiting interpretation of Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-7-126 as altering or changing the law as it existed on May 22, 2002, will not have a significant fiscal impact on the Department of Health or applicable Boards. Any rulemaking can be accomplished during regularly scheduled Board meetings.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-3-1011, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. As of June 30, 2011, the Board of Medical Examiners had a balance of \$1,465,207.30, and the Board of Nursing had a balance of \$2,001,573.33.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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